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**PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

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**Attorney Docket**

GUID-005CON6

**Confirmation No.**

Not yet assigned

**First Named Inventor**

Taylor, Charles S.

**Application Number**

Not yet assigned (Cont. of 09/975,392)

**Filing Date**

Concurrently Herewith (10/14/2003)

**Group Art Unit**

Not yet assigned

**Examiner Name**

Not yet assigned

**Title**

Surgical Instruments and Procedures  
for Stabilizing the Beating Heart  
During Coronary Artery Bypass Graft  
Surgery

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the current application as follows: